

Injustice to Catholics—Higher Services of the Education Department.

282. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have taken any action in the light of the answers given to Question No. 17 (of Vrischigam 14, 1113) for redressing the grievances of the Roman Catholics regarding promotions to the higher services of the Education Department;

(b) is it not a fact that there is not even a single Deputy Inspector of Schools, who is a Roman Catholic?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—

(a) Government have perused the articles referred to but did not think that the allegation was correct.

(b) Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (Ezhuvas North).— ആകെ എത്ര ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർ ഉണ്ട്.

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ (Director of Public Instruction).— ൪ ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടേഴ്സും ഒരു ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറസും ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (Ezhuvas North).— ഇവരിൽ കൃസ്ത്യാനികൾ ആരെങ്കിലുമുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ (Director of Public Instruction).— ഒരാളുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (Ezhuvas North).— ഇദ്ദേഹം ആരെങ്കിലുമുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ (Director of Public Instruction).— ഇല്ല.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—Are there any Inspectors, Sir, in the department from unrepresented communities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—None from the un-represented communities.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—Will the Government kindly try to remove that disability?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—As far as it is consistent with the rules prescribed for the conduct of public instruction it is being done.

Wardha Scheme of Education.

283. Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Wardha Scheme of Education has received the scrutiny and attention of the experts in the Government Educational Service;

(b) whether any report has been submitted as to the practicability of its application in any part of the State; if not, will a report be kindly called for?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—

(a) and (b) It is receiving the attention of the Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—May I know who is examining that Scheme?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—

A special committee appointed by the Cochin Teacher's Association is examining it and I am personally examining it myself. And after their report is available I am going to meet the representatives of the Teachers' Association to have a formal discussion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Are not the Government closely following the criticisms levelled against the scheme?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—They are following the criticisms too.

284. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention was drawn to "the Wardha Scheme" on Education; if so, whether they propose to introduce the same in our State as a trial?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—

Yes. The scheme is being scrutinised in the light of our experience of the working of Government Industrial Schools for the last so many years. The scheme itself needs close examination before a final opinion can be pronounced on its intrinsic merits and its suitability for our conditions. No definite opinion can be expressed at this stage.